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AL	At Large
BH	Beehive
BE	Box Elder
BY	Brigham Young
BV	Buena Ventura
CR	Canyon Rim
CV	Castle Valley
CC	Cedar City
Cent	Centerville
CM	Cotton Mission
ER	Eagle Rock (Idaho)
EMC	East Mill Creek
E.Sie	Eastern Sierra
GAS	George Albert Smith
GL	Glendora (Calif)
GS	Goldon Spike
H-R	Hole in the Rock
Hol	Holladay
HV	Hurricane Valley
JRT	Jordan River Temple
LOR	Little Colorado River (Ariz)
Me	Mesa (Ariz)
Mills	Mills
Mur	Murray
Og Pi	Ogden Pioneer
Oly H	Olympus Hills
Oq Mt	Oquirrh Mountain
Pal	Palmyra
PH	Pioneer Heritage
RR	Red Rock
SLC	Salt Lake City
SL Pi	Salt Lake Pioneer
SRV	Salt River Valley (Ariz.)
SC	Settlement Canyon
Sie	Sierra (Calif)
SD	South Davis
SH	Sugar House
Tag	Tag-a-long
T/B	Taylorville/Bennion
Tem	Tempe (Ariz)
TF	Temple Fork
TQ	Temple Quarry
TMV	The Mountain Valley
USRV	Upper Snake River Valley (ID)
Tim	Timpanogos
TP	Twin Peaks

ABOUT THE COVER

Pictured is the morning mist in a river valley. To me it represents memories of my past. I have been recuperating from a heart attack and a Triple By-Pass in November. I have some forced leisure time to look back over my past, to count my blessings in life and to realize what my life is all about and what are the most important decisions that I have made.

In the Bible we read as the Apostle Paul wrote the Corinthians

Though I speak with the tongues of men

And of angels, and have not love,

I am become as sounding brass,

Or a tinkling symbol....

Love suffereth long and is kind; Love envieth not;

Love vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,

Doth not behave itself unseemly,

Seeketh nor her own, is not easily provoked,

Thinketh no evil.

Rejoiceth not in iniquity but rejoiceth in the truth;

Beareth all things, Believeth all things,

Hopeth all things, Endureth all things...

And now abideth faith, hope, and love,

These three, But the greatest of these is love.

1 Corinthians 13

These I have found to be my greatest possession. Love of my family. Love of neighbors & friends. Love of the Gospel of Jesus Christ as our Pioneer ancestors, who received these blessings to give them the strength and courage of toil and sweat to tame this desert of sagebrush and rattlesnakes. To build for us a place to be safe and secure. To have some of the good things of life.

As I look back over my life I find the most important part of my life is to live the Commandment of the Lord Jesus Christ as taught in the scriptures. To love all mankind.

This poem written by Audrey McDonnell represents my feelings and I hope it will help you to look around and find where your treasures are.

In The Years Gone By

Have you seen the star?

Does it lead to where your treasures are?

*Do you remember Christmas when you woke before
the dawn*

To feel the knobby stocking to see if he had come;

To rise to caroled melody;

To light the candles on the tree;

To open gifts upon the floor...

Remember Christmas days of yore?

Do you remember Christmas?

Our grandma's angel on the wall,

Mistletoe hung in the hall,

A roasting hen and candy canes,

A cracking fire and frosty panes,

Folks coming in the livelong day...

Remember how we'd sing and play?

But hush, what song is that of bells that ring?

Humblly, like shepherds, let us go,

And kneeling, hear the angels sing

Of peace that all shall know;

Look up and see the star

That shows the heavenly gate is still ajar.

Tell me, in the years gone by,

Have you raised your eyes to scan the sky?

Have you seen the star?

Does it lead to where your treasures are?



President's Message

I would like to start this message with a heartfelt thanks to Morris and Fay Bennion for a job well done this past year. We have been on several trips to other chapters doing official business and I have enjoyed their company and appreciate Morris' council and advise.

As I look forward to this coming year there are some concerns that I feel need to be addressed. We still need an increase in membership in this organization. True, we had several hundred members join this past year, but those numbers just made up for the ones we lost during the year and we remained almost status-quo in our numbers. There will be a membership drive during the first part of this year and all members and chapters will be invited and expected to participate.

The question is, "How do we keep the membership we now have and entice new members to join with us?" I believe we need to make our chapter meetings more interesting and palatable to members and prospective members so they will want to join with us in our endeavors. Each chapter should get themselves involved in the communities in which they reside. This involvement would help to make ourselves known in the communities and people will become interested in our cause through the projects that are undertaken in preserving our heritage and becoming a service

to our communities. I further believe that we need to change the opinion that we are only a supper club and become vitally involved in preserving our pioneer heritage through worthy projects.

This organization needs to bring the name of the National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers out of the shadows and into the fore-front of the public's eyes. This can be accomplished through the processes aforementioned.

To quote a phrase from the late President Heber C. Kimball, "Each Member A Missionary", we should not be afraid to ask our friends and acquaintances to join with us in our respective chapters. Each member should enlarge their circle of friends and bring more of them into the Sons of Utah Pioneers organization. For example; If each member we now have were to ask and recruit 6 new members each we could increase our membership by 9,000 new members. While speaking on increasing membership in each chapter, let me answer a question that was put to me about dividing chapters when they reach a certain number. The national officers have no intention to divide any chapter membership because they are becoming large in numbers. The national board will only act on a division of chapters if the membership of that respective chapter requests it and the chapter members have voted to do so. It will be up to the discretion of the chapter presidents and their boards to make this determination, if a division should be made. Keep in mind that the national board would like to see more chapters organized and chartered.

There are three major events that will take place this coming year that each of you should be aware of. Mark your calendars so that you will not miss them. The first will be the honoring of the Welch people in a festival to be held on the B.Y.U. campus on March 5th & 6th, 1993. The Sons of Utah Pioneers are sponsoring this festival and there will be no cost to attend. This is open to all the public. A picture of Dan Jones, a very successful missionary, will be presented to the L.D.S. church to be placed in the lobby of the Missionary Training Center. President Gordon B. Hinckley will be the guest speaker and receive the picture on March 6th. The Tabernacle Choir will sing on the program at the Marriott Center on Saturday, March 6th. Other events will take place on Friday March 5th.

Our modern day pioneer honors will be sometime in April. The date has not been firmed up as of this date. You will hear more about this later.

As you may have heard by now, we have been asked by the State Legislature to be involved with them in raising money for a full size bronze statue of Brigham Young to be placed in the rotunda of our state capitol. The Sons of Utah Pioneers will be involved in the organization of and conducting the unveiling ceremony of this statue. This program is scheduled for the 24th of July, 1993.

Plans are being drawn for our encampment in Sparks/Reno Nevada, September 23rd thru 25th 1993. There will be a wonderful historical tour during this encampment that you will not want to miss. Registration information will follow in the next issue of the Pioneer. Costs should be in the \$80.00 range for registration.

I think the time has come when we should all lengthen our stride toward the goals of; Preserving the Past..... Pioneering the Present..... Shaping the Future. With all of us working towards the same goals, as a team, we can accomplish them and make 1993 a very productive year.

I am very proud to represent this great organization as your president and will do all in my power to uphold the ideals and tradition of the National Society of Sons of Utah Pioneers. I am excitedly looking forward to meeting you all and working with you in the coming year.

Frank A. Brown
National President

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and the lust of earth.
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That it be heard.
No room for prophets
Or the written word.
"No room," they said,
As they closed the door;
And the night was dark
As it was before.
For the night is dark
When our hopes are dim;
But the light will shine,
When there's room for Him

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GONE BUT HOPEFULLY NOT FORGOTTEN

Florence Youngberg

I want to thank each and every member of the Sons of Utah Pioneers for their friendship and help the past eleven years that I have worked in the office. It has been a tremendous experience and I have learned much and made many friends. You are a special group of people.

There were frustrating times, sad times, hopeful times, but so many more happy times, times that I will never forget. I'm so grateful that I got to know so many of you and your wives, and in some cases, even your children. God bless you all.

The title says "Gone" but I'm not completely retired. You can't get rid of a bad penny and I must be a bad penny cause I will still be around. I'll be working a couple of afternoons a week plus I have been given the assignment of being the director over the new FAMILY HISTORY CENTER which is in our building, located in our library. This is a branch of the Genealogical Library of the Church, or Family History Library as it is now known. This is a great honor for me and something which I have been involved in for many, many years. I hope that all of you who are near here, take the time to come in and see and then use our library facilities for research. We have at the present time, two microfiche readers, a film reader, and a computer and printer. At the present time we are opened for two days a week, *Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.* As we get busier, hopefully, we will open the library more days. We hope to someday be open every day except Sunday. If we get really busy, the church has said we can have more equipment. There is a great deal of information in our library and now that we have added the church information, it is a very valuable tool to help with your research of your ancestors.

Again, thanks for the privilege, and it has been a privilege, of serving you these many years. Keep up the good work and God Bless you. ☐

Four More Encampment Awards Issued

V. Vee Reynolds, National Awards Chairman, recently made the discovery that in his eagerness to wrap up the awards before he left for a trip to Alaska in July that four awards were missed entirely. Neither of his capable assistants, Clair Phillips or Sam Gordon, caught the omission. It was while Vee was reviewing the results of this year's awards, and a telephone call from Sam Gordon that some might have been missed, that the error turned up.

A careful review indicates the following awards were earned but not given out at the encampment in Castle Dale in August:

1. South Davis had earned a plaque for the most new members recruited during the award year - thirty one.

2. William W. Terry of Ogden Pioneer merited a Gold Certificate for Outstanding Individual.

3. Vernon J. Taylor of Holladay Chapter also merited a Gold Certificate for Outstanding Individual.

4. Don J. and Bessie L. Nelson of Box Elder merited a Gold Certificate for Outstanding Couple.

Vee reports that these awards have now been acknowledged and given to the respective chapters. He expresses his deep regret for failure to have them in time for the Awards



V. Vee Reynolds, Awards Chairman, presents plaque to Cloyd Seeley, President of South Davis Chapter. Dale E. Smith was the outstanding recruiter, turning in more new members than anyone else. Left to right, Dale E. Smith, Cloyd D. Seeley and V. Vee Reynolds.

Banquet. His remarks to Florence Youngberg: "Well you live and learn, especially in your first year on the job." Florence's retort: "Vee, just don't plan a trip next year at that time." □

Merrill W. Croft inducted into the Utah Sports Hall of Fame



On November 11, 1992, Merrill W. Croft was inducted into the Utah Sports Hall of Fame by the Old Time Athletes Association, 23rd Annual Banquet, Olympus Hotel, 6:30 p.m., Salt Lake City, Utah. During the Spring of 1937, in Baltimore, Maryland, Merrill won the National A.A.U. First Place Title.

Merrill was born in Deseret, a small community in Millard County. The family moved to Provo where he attended Provo High School. He enrolled at the Brigham Young University, where he met and married his wife, Melba. They are the proud parents of 5 children and they have 18 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

At Brigham Young University, Merrill came into his own as a wrestler, winning 3 conference championships in his weight class. He captained the team in 1937 and was selected to the All-America Team.

Merrill worked hard in school: he was a tireless worker on the mat. While a student at Provo High School, graduating from this school in 1932, he participated in and won awards in wrestling, tumbling, swimming, touch football, football, basketball, tennis, stock judging, ice skating, track and rodeo activities. In his later years, he taught drivers training at Highland High School.

In 1983, Merrill and Melba served an LDS Church Mission to Impedance, Missouri.

In 1990, Merrill was President of the Sugarhouse Chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers and served on the National Board under President Wagstaff as Memorialization Chairman. □

PIONEER Contributors

Because the editing staff of the Pioneer would like to produce the magazine in a timely and cost efficient manner, we will no longer be accepting items beyond the deadline date. Also, hand written items will no longer be published. Please do not send articles in all capitals and please label all pictures on the back.

We are receiving articles that are not timely. We want to publish more items of a current nature, please keep us informed on your chapter.

Many of you are using computers to write your articles, it would be extremely helpful if you would submit your article on disk along with a printout. Please save your articles in ASCII or Text Only format. Please label your disks clearly, so we can return them.

Thank you for your assistance and all your wonderful contributions. Keep them coming!!

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ANNOUNCING !!!

Your official 1993 National LDS Temple & Hells Canyon Trek is scheduled for early May 1993.

Many members are asking for a more affordable tour this year which will include Temples. In response, we have in the works, what promises to be one of the most exciting tours we have ever put together - chock-full of Pioneer History, nature at its very best, and sessions in three of the church's most beautiful Temples.

Exact details will be published in the March issue of the Pioneer! Following is a tentative schedule of this tour:

Day 1 - This will be a "Spring Fling" with nature at its very best. After reliving the re-enactment of the driving of the last spike, the Golden Spike, at Promontory Point, we will continue northbound into Idaho, visiting Shoshone Falls (higher than Niagara) and the Shoshone Ice Caves.

Day 2 - After an early bird session at the architecturally inspiring Boise Temple, our tour continues through some of Idaho's most pristine scenery. Beautiful canyons and mountain passes will be nature's feast as we travel to Lewiston, Idaho's only sea port.

Day 3 - Today we will explore, by jet boat, one of America's most unique canyons - Hells Canyon! s awe inspiring canyon will help us contemplate the story of creation as we view majestic canyon walls, Indian Petroglyphs, and wild life along the way!

Day 4 - Our journey will return to Boise, Idaho's capital city. Once again the scenery will be beautiful.

Day 5 - Today we have a unique adventure for you as we visit Idaho's own moonscape, Craters of the Moon National Monument! Through Arco, America's first city to be lit by Nuclear Power, and on to Idaho Falls where we will do a session at the beautiful Idaho Falls Temple.

Day 6 - Relax this morning and enjoy the ride past the wondrous blue beauty of Bear Lake with a stop at the very unique LDS Tabernacle at the northern tip. Maintaining a spiritual high, we will recall the history of the early Saints as we travel through gorgeous Logan Canyon and take in a session at the beautiful nostalgic Logan Temple! The exquisite Brigham City Tabernacle is our next stop, and we conclude this trek with an included farewell outdoor barbecue at Buenaventura State Park.

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Historic LEHI Bus Tours

Where the Wild West Still Is

Porter Rockwell, Johnston's Army, the Pony Express, the Overland Stage Coach Route, the beginnings of ZCMI and the Utah Idaho Sugar Company and vivid episodes of the Historical American West all come alive as the Lehi Preservation Commission begins their 1993 historical bus tours. In August and September of this past year they conducted five bus tours that proved extremely successful. This article only begins to touch on tidbits of history and legendary folklore that participants will see and hear during the bus tours.

The tour begins focusing on Porter Rockwell and his operations at the Point of the Mountain. Here Rockwell operated a Pony express station, a brewery and hotel. The Rockwell family owned property in and around Lehi and his comings and goings are fascinating to recall.

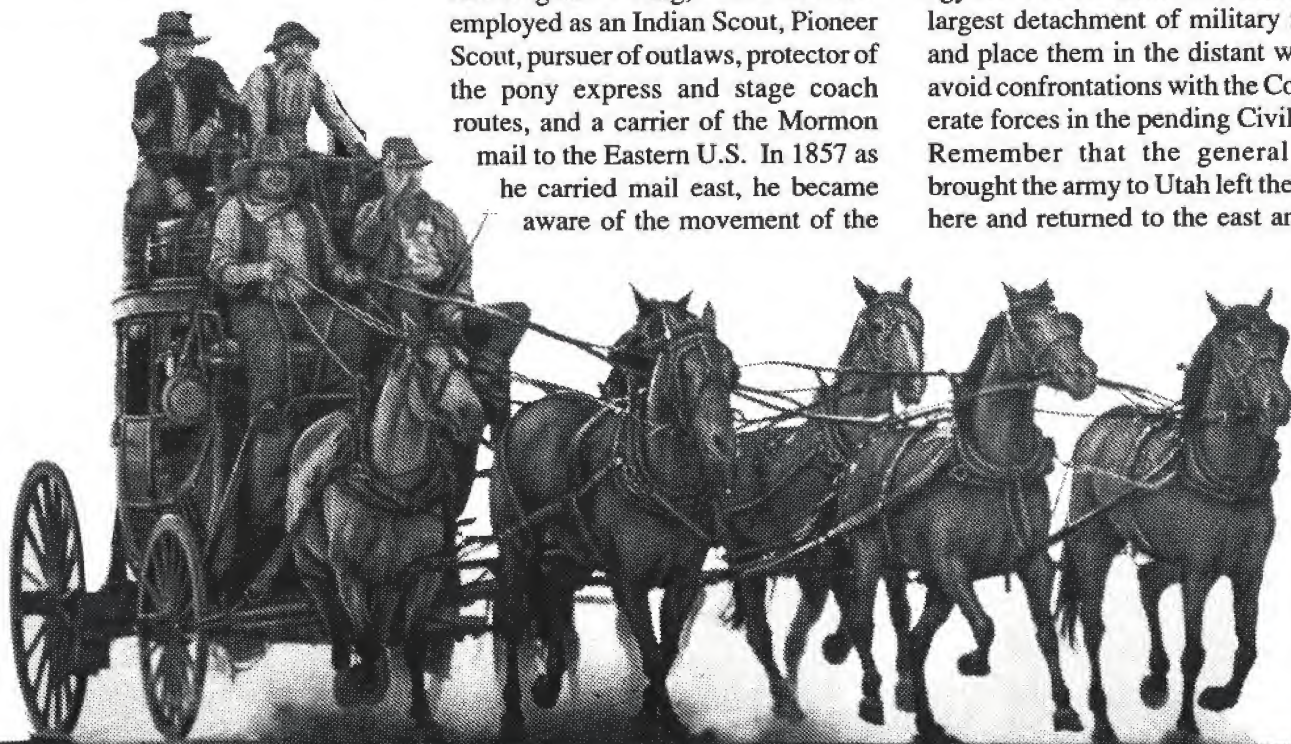
Porter Rockwell grew up as a boyhood friend of Joseph Smith in Palmyra, New York and personally was a part of Smith's life until his

death in Carthage. After Missouri Governor Boggs' Mormon Extermination Order an assassination attempt was made on Governor Boggs. Porter Rockwell was charged with the crime and was held in a Missouri jail for ten months, where he let his hair and beard grow. Escaping from prison, Rockwell joined the saints in Nauvoo. Late one night he interrupted a social at the Mansion House. Announcing himself as a traveler from Missouri he was refused entrance. Joseph Smith grabbed the visitor by the shoulders to help throw him out. As Smith lifted the stranger to his eye level he saw a familiar sparkle in the man's eyes and welcomed Porter Rockwell. It was at this time that Joseph told Rockwell, "Porter, if you will never cut your hair, your body will never be injured by bullets or the blade of a knife." On the historical bus tours to the Lehi area, you will visit two sites where that prophecy was literally fulfilled.

Porter Rockwell was not only famous as a body guard of Joseph Smith and Brigham Young, but he was also employed as an Indian Scout, Pioneer Scout, pursuer of outlaws, protector of the pony express and stage coach routes, and a carrier of the Mormon mail to the Eastern U.S. In 1857 as he carried mail east, he became aware of the movement of the

United States Army to the west. Hearing that they were on their way to Salt Lake City, Rockwell returned to protect and help the Mormons. The U.S. Army's advance to Utah, the delays on the plains of Wyoming, entrance into Salt Lake Valley and their arrival in Fairfield are all a part of the Historical Tour.

Participants will see the exact places where the history of the Utah War was enacted. Other reasons for coming to Utah by the Army will be told. They came to Utah with the avowed purpose to "quell the rebellious Mormons." The political strategies and misrepresentations of Waddell, Russell and Majors, owners and operators of the government freighting contracts in the West, caused the Federal Authorities to send an army to protect those contracts from Mormon infringement. Can you imagine the lucrative profits of a freighting contract to bring an army to Utah? Some historians claim the Army came to Utah as a result of a Southern Strategy to remove from the Union the largest detachment of military might and place them in the distant west to avoid confrontations with the Confederate forces in the pending Civil War. Remember that the general who brought the army to Utah left the army here and returned to the east and be-



came an illustrious Confederate general.

At the Point of the Mountain you will see the original pony express and overland stage coach trail. You will see where the trail crossed the Jordan River and will recreate vivid images in your mind of an Indian ambush of a stage coach and the resulting massacre not far from the river. About twenty-five Indian horsemen participated in this massacre and the triumphant Indians savagely mutilated the bodies of those massacred and rode off to the south proudly displaying the scalps of the dead. A thirteen year old Kirkham boy witnessed this historical drama.

At Dorton's Well, the bus will stop and you'll see (in your mind) the now unmarked location of a Pony Express Station. Here Porter Rockwell encountered an outlaw and was shot point blank six times. Porter walked to his buckboard wagon, retrieved a rifle and killed the outlaw, all of which was witnessed by a young man from Cedar Fort named Gudmundsen. Here at Dorton's Well, you'll become touched by the legendary superstitions that haunt the place.

Following the original pony express and stagecoach routes to Fairfield you will hear the stories of Indian battles, Johnston's Army, the army payroll robbery of \$5,000 in gold coins and the hanging of the enlisted man who stole the payroll. You'll wonder where that \$5,000 in gold coins is stashed. It has never been found.

At Fairfield Stage Coach Hotel, you can sit on the same porch as did the Carson family over 130 years ago and watch history unfold. You'll see in your mind's eye most of the stage coaches that carried the rich and the famous (including Mark Twain, Robert Louis Stephenson, and the major theatrical performers who played the theater circuits from St. Louis and Denver all the way to Sacramento and San Francisco.) Your imaginations will produce the pony express riders who passed this point. Look across the road and you'll see the largest military encampment in the United States in 1858. When the army leaves, you'll see vivid

images in your memory as 300 to 400 wooden buildings go up in flames.

In Lehi you'll see a complex of buildings that comprised an original ZCMI operation. Nine buildings are still standing. The Cutler Mansion is just across the street. Bishop Cutler was the Chief Executive Officer of the Utah Idaho Sugar Company and the ZCMI operation in Lehi. The cooperative idea of buying and selling merchandise was first practiced in Lehi several years before ZCMI was organized. Brigham Young got the idea from visiting the operation in Lehi. Seeing the success of the idea in operation, he incorporated it throughout the early Mormon Settlements.

Also in Lehi, you'll visit Broadbents Family Department Store, operating in the same location and by the same family for over 110 years. It's like walking into a museum and yet you realize that everything you see is for sale and is part of a modern operating department store. You'll find things here that are not available at a modern day ZCMI or at your favorite mall. The history of the Broadbent Family reads like your favorite novel. The family members who greet you today are "spitting" character images of their great grandparents.

At Hutchings Museum, you'll see gun collections of the Revolutionary and Civil Wars as well as guns used by Butch Cassidy and Porter Rockwell. You'll "oohhh" and "aawww" at the bird egg, mineral, historical and travel collections of John Hutchings. World class art renditions by Harwood, Fairbanks, Kirkham and Stan Wanlass. Several of Wanlass's classic car sculptures are on display.

At Porters Cafe you'll sit at a 100 year old Montana Bar on seats from farm machinery used by your grandfather and be watched by Porter Rockwell's huge portrait that hangs on the wall above you.

The historically significant Lehi Roller Mills entrance into the computer age will be told. They now produce specialty flours for speciality bakeries throughout Western America and comprise a state of the art com-

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The historically significant original Utah Idaho Sugar factory will be highlighted on the tour.

You'll see Saratoga and learn why native Americans used these hot springs long before Brigham Young frequented here and extolled the virtues of these therapeutic waters.

Six hours of vivid legendary folklore of the Wild American West surrounds those who take the bus tours sponsored by the Lehi Historical Preservation Commission, and the Lehi Chamber of Commerce. Regular tours are being scheduled for the 1993 season. Charter bus tours can be arranged for individual groups at a cost of \$18 for adults and \$12 for children. Prices includes lunch served by Mellor Banquets and includes admission to Hutchings Museum and Stagecoach Inn. Charter Tours will originate at and return to any designated location in Salt Lake or Utah County. Tour Director will be Carl Mellor, who has taught Utah History for forty years. For further information or for reservations call Carl Mellor at 768-4578 or 768-8665.

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Nevada Pioneer Day Mormon Station

On Saturday, July 11, 1992 the Eastern Sierra Chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers sponsored the second Pioneer Day at Mormon Station State Historic Monument, Genoa, Nevada.

About four hundred people enjoyed the festivities and Mormon Pioneer Abner Blackburn was spotlighted with Neil Baker playing the part of Abner Blackburn in a portrayal of his exciting escapades. U.S. Senator Harry Reid stopped by during the afternoon as well as Senate Candidate Demar Dahl.

Our Chapter asked Nevada Governor Bob Miller for a special proclamation proclaiming July 11th as Official Nevada Pioneer Day.

The day was a little cloudy and rainy at times but everybody that came had a good time. There was a musical program and a readers' theater depicting events of early day Mormon Station. □

A PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, this year marks the 142nd anniversary of the founding of Genoa, the first permanent settlement of Nevada; and

WHEREAS, the site of that settlement has been set aside as Mormon Station State Park; and

WHEREAS, Carson Valley was an important way station for tens of thousands of immigrants on the California Trail, and

WHEREAS, prior to Nevada Territory being created, Pioneers established settlements in the North at Carson Valley, Jacks Valley, Eagle Valley and Truckee Meadows and in the South at Las Vegas Valley; and

WHEREAS, the settlers of Western Nevada formed the first organized government in the State in 1851 and Genoa served as the seat of Carson County, Utah Territory from 1854 to 1857; and

WHEREAS, the settlers of western Nevada met at a convention held in Genoa in 1859 to establish a Provisional territorial government and to seek recognition from Congress; and

WHEREAS, Genoa served as seat of Nevada's provisional government from 1859 to 1861; and

WHEREAS, the actions outlined above led to the creation of Nevada Territory in 1861;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BOB MILLER, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, do hereby proclaim July 11, 1992, as

NEVADA PIONEER DAY

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BRIGHAM YOUNG CHAPTER PRESENTS AWARDS

By action of its board the Brigham Young Chapter presented two distinguished service awards at its November 19, 1992 meeting. Earl J. Glayde, Jr. and Ray Wilson were the recipients. Both have been main-stays in the Chapter for many years, responding to every request to serve. They have great ability, willingness and have been highly successful in their professions.

Earl Glayde's professional career spans fifty-four years in broadcasting, both radio and TV in the Salt Lake City, Boise and Provo areas. In Boise he brought both radio and TV stations on the air. His last years were spent at BYU as Managing Director of Broadcasting Services. He served as Executive Director of the Utah Broadcasting Association, both before and after retirement from BYU. He was selected as a member of the Utah Broadcasting Hall of Fame. His SUP distinguished service award indicates the following: 1 year director, 2 years secretary, 3 years assistant treasurer, 1 year president-elect, 1 year president and 1 year past president.



Left to right: Max C. Robinson, Chapter President, Earle J. Glayde, Jr., Alyce Glayde.



Left to right: Max C. Robinson, Chapter President, Ray Wilson and Ruth Wilson

Ray Wilson has been an educator on the faculty or in administration at USU, Purdue and BYU. Some of his titles and honors are: faculty at USU, professor and administrator at Purdue, Associate Director of the Ezra Taft Benson Food Institute at BYU, Assistant to the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, headed the U.S. Office of Intergovernmental Affairs at the USDA, President of the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture and is listed in Who's Who in America. His SUP plaque indicates the following: 2 years director, 1 year president-elect, 1 year president, 1 year past president, and 4 years chairman of the highly important program committee.

Chapter members were pleased to see these deserving members recognized.

"Toys For Needy" Project

As its second and final service project for the year, the Brigham Young Chapter recently completed a successful "Toys for Needy Children" collection. The project selection was made by the Service Project Committee, all of whom are pictured, with Sid Allsop as chairman. Members were encouraged during the last of the 1992 Season to bring a child's Christmas gift to one of the monthly dinner meetings, where it was collected by the committee for later distribution. Response by our 88 members was exceptionally good.

United Way has a hot-line for families seeking assistance for the Holidays. These families are allocated by the United Way to organizations and individuals who have asked to be sponsors, the Provo Elks Lodge, to whom our toys were delivered, is a sponsor. Two Elk members go to each allocated home to interview, look over the home situation, find out ages and sizes of children. Those same two Elks, later made the deliveries to the families.

It was a gratifying experience for our Chapter members. The thought of providing a gift to an unknown recipient of need and realizing the gift was completely anonymous and that no record was made of those who brought gifts helped make the project a heart-warming success. It also provided a means for putting into practice one of the pioneer virtues we desire to preserve. □



Service Project Committee, left to right: Thad & Marion Yost, Helen & Elliot Budge, Blair & Beth Schofield, Louise & Sid Allsop.

East Mill Creek Chapter

By Clive P. Grant

Another successful year has been completed by the East Mill Creek Chapter. We concluded with a good attitude and a good working relationship with the National S. U. P. We have had a new member join almost every month this year.

The Autumn months were a good time to enjoy the harvest of foods, services and Chapter meetings. At our November meeting we had a good old fashioned dinner and our guest speaker was William S. McConkie. December's meeting put us into a good Christmas spirit with a musical program for the evening. The Chapter has worked on a Christmas Service Project.

Now for the new year, our New Chapter Officers are on line with their 1993 Chapter assignments for meetings and projects. Arrangements are underway for Chapter treks for March and May of 1993. The Chapter received a 1992 Gold award and desires to improve upon that award.

We are excited to start out on a new year. We are proud to introduce our E.M.C. Chapter Officers for 1993:

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Palmyra Chapter celebrates Christmas

On December the 10th, the Palmyra Chapter held its annual Christmas party at the Veterans Memorial Building in Spanish Fork. Chapter member, LaMar & Nola Bird and their family, (19 members), presented a program of song & dance - some with a Tongan Christmas theme during our dinner. The family gave 13 numbers, some with audience participation. A

Chapter project was completed this same night of collecting clothes and personal items for the State Hospital in Provo for their Christmas and a quilt was auctioned. This completes the year for President Jim Hathaway and we commend him for a successful 1992. □

Pictured: Palmyra Chapter Christmas party.



Monument Dedicated to Honor Pioneers

by Delbert H. Fowler



President Howard W. Hunter (*pictured above*) lauded the resourcefulness of the early pioneers when he dedicated the Pioneer Heritage Chapter's monument on 20th East and Stratford Avenue on October 31st. "It is an example to us today, where living is so easy in many respects, when we think about those who have made sacrifices, who have gone before and laid a foundation that we could build for the future," said President Hunter. The monument honors the Brigham Young Industrial Center and the Golden Pass Toll Road. Because of the rainy weather the service was held in the nearby Crystal Heights Ward Chapel.

President Hunter stated, "These are the results of people who gave of themselves, who toiled and labored to leave a heritage. Today we express appreciation for their toil, for their labors, for their integrity. In the same way that they expressed appreciation to God for their help and support, we give appreciation today to them and to those who perpetuate this memory." In the dedicatory prayer President Hunter thanked God for what the pioneers had left.

The Monument honors a grist mill built about 1850. It was the largest grist mill in the Utah Territory and operated from 1852 through 1857. It later operated as a cotton mill and then a woolen mill. The Golden Pass Toll Road was built by Parley P. Pratt and provided an alternative route into the valley. It was a means by which fuel and timber was brought into the valley as well as immigrants. A typical charge was 75 cents for a team of horses and a wagon to travel by way of Parleys Canyon. Thousands of



pioneers, California 49'ers, Overland Stage Coaches, and soldiers traveled over this dirt road. The monument project was built under the leadership of John J. Nielsen, (*pictured above*) a past president of the Pioneer Heritage Chapter. It was constructed with a cement core and faced with red granite limestone. The monument cost approximately \$2,400 to build. We encourage everyone to stop for a few moments and visit this historic marker. □



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Taylorsville - Bennion Chapter Conducts an Interesting Trek

Ralph B. MacKay



On September 26, 1992, a total of 44 members of the Taylorsville-Bennion Chapter of the SUP boarded a bus and left the Taylorsville Stake Center at 8:30 a.m. First we visited the Hill Air Force Base Museum in Roy, Utah. We viewed many displays of military air craft and studied the history they represented. Next, we visited the museum in Ogden on rail roads, Browning Arms collection, plus many automobiles of past history.

From there, we went through the North Ogden Pass on past the old homestead of President David O. McKay in Huntsville. We traveled over the Trapper Loop Road, viewing the beautiful autumn leaves.

We interrupted our day of travel, of fun, much nibbling of food, to have a chicken dinner in Morgan at the Spring Chicken Inn Cafe. After eating we concluded our day by traveling over the West Canyon Road, up over Parley's Canyon, back to the Taylorsville Stake Center, arriving home at 4:30 p.m.

This was a very enjoyable day of which we enlarged our knowledge of past history and the beauties of our state.

The Taylorsville Bennion Chapter Announces the Dedication of

The Old School House

On this site, 6200 South and Redwood Road in the year 1905 stood the 64th District School House. It was a red brick building consisting of two large rooms on the west side and a single large room on the east side.

The name of the school was changed three times in a four year period:

1905 - 64th District School

1906 (September) -

South Taylorsville School

1908 (May) - Madison School

The Madison School site was sold to Bennion Ward, October 12, 1921

The following people served as principals of the school:

W. R. Wilson	1905 - 1907
Elizabeth Bennion	1907 - 1909
Zeretta Frame	1909 - 1910
Clarissa Saunders	1910 - 1911
Emma J. Webster	1911 - 1912
Alta Stookey	1912 - 1913
W.R. Wilson	1913 - 1915

Monument dedication of the old 64th District School on July 18, 1992.

The dedication took place at the corner of 6200 South and Redwood Road, the site of the old school.

President Edgar Todd welcomed everyone and the dedication started at 9:30 P. M.

Opening prayer - Henry Hintze.

Neldon Parker gave a brief history of the school.

Jerome Battle, the chairman of the board of trustees for the New Pilgrim Babbist Church had a few remarks. His talk was very touching, stating that he could feel the great love that was attached to the location of the old Bennion Chapel. He expressed the desire to maintain that feeling through his church.

George Labrum gave a short talk that meshed very well with the preceding talk.

Dedicatory prayer - George Labrum.

Note - President Benjamin Behunin, representing the Bennion Stake was in attendance along with 14 S.U.P. members and their wives. It was a very nice occasion. □



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Box Elder Chapter Awards Given & Recieved



SONS OF UTAH PIONEERS President Willie Hunsaker (right) presents the Distinguished Citizen Award to Dale W. Young for contributions to educational and civic organizations such as Heritage Theatre and Dale Young Park in Perry. Dr. Young and his wife Adele are members of the Presidents Club at Weber State University, Old Main Society at Utah State University and the Order of the Knoll at Iowa State University, all organizations which provide scholarships for graduate and undergraduate students at the universities.



SONS OF UTAH PIONEERS national award as "outstanding individual" was presented to Sam Gordon of the Box Elder chapter during the recent SUP National Encampment. Shown presenting the award is local member Morgan Hawkes.

TIMPANOGOS TIDBITS

Floyd W. Clegg

The Timpanogos Chapter members have enjoyed several recent activities.

BYU Church History Professor, Larry Porter, spoke to the group November 19, at Shoneys Restaurant in Provo. He used interesting experiences and slides to tell of the Colesville Saints' journey from New York to Kirtland, Ohio; and then to the Missouri period. Many descriptive short stories and historic facts were discussed and pictures presented. Among the presentations were sidelights of Joseph Smith, Joseph Knight, Newell Knight, and the move by boat to Ohio. The steamboat Captain praised the saints for their morals and excellent behavior.

Independence, Missouri, the land of Promise and center of Zion Temple site were shown. The various changes that have taken place over the years and the great number of acres purchased by the church was discussed. Also, other break off groups, such as the Hedrekites and Reorganites and the increased growth of the LDS Church were mentioned. The LDS Church has a pageant on the Saints at Jackson County each year and many Mormons are returning there for it and now are living in the Zion area.

The Timpanogos Chapter enjoyed a trip to Kennecott Copper Smelter in August. They viewed the canyon, a film and had a picnic in the park. They learned that Brigham Young was aware of minerals in the mountains but realized an agricultural base was necessary for food or there would be serious shortages. The Kingdom of God had to come first.

They also enjoyed a trip to the old historic flour mill in Salt Lake County which has been restored. Their annual Christmas party was held December 17, 1992 at Leisure Village. Each couple furnished special dishes and a program was enjoyed by all. □



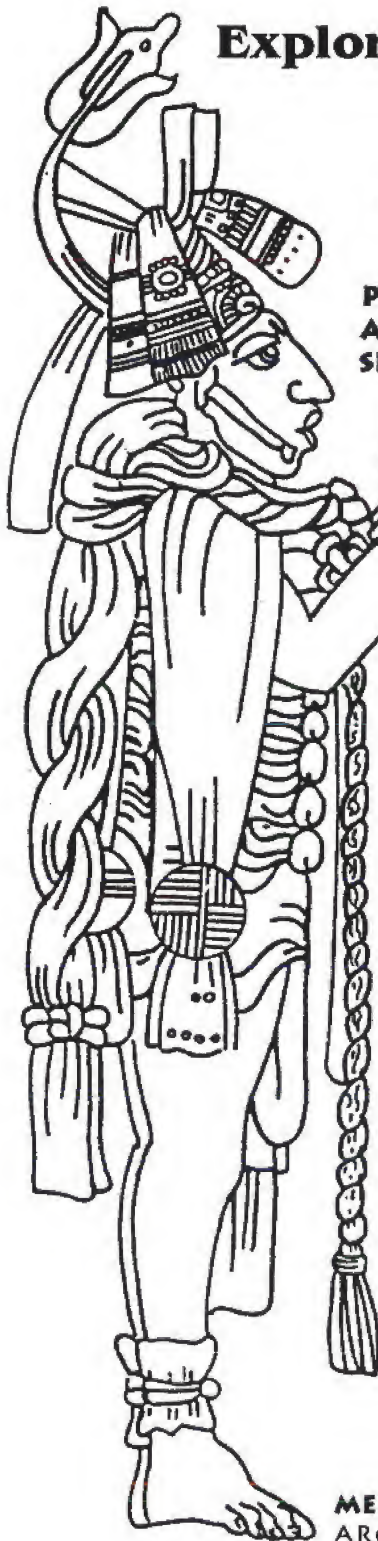
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MARY McDONALD RIDER

Robert Wagstaff

Mary McDonald Rider was born at Formal Lintrathen, Forfar, Scotland. August 1, 1845, the daughter of William Christina Wallace McDonald.

In the year 1855 two Mormon Elders came to visit the vicinity of Forfarshire to preach the gospel. This was her knowledge of the Church of Jesus Christ. She was then ten years of age and joined the church the following year. She was baptized by Pres. Andrew

McFarlane and Elder John Gillis at sea at 12 o'clock midnight as the tide was coming in.

She was 20 years of age when leaving Scotland to come to Utah. She left her son with her parents.

The party left London May 23, 1866 in the ship American Congress. They arrived on the evening of July the 3rd. Preparation was then made to finish the journey to Salt Lake. They traveled by ox team, enjoyed good health and good weather the entire trip from Missouri and arrived in Salt Lake September 20, 1866 in time to attend October conference.

Mary McDonald went to work for D. H. Wells until she married John Rider July 28, 1867. They lived in Holladay known as Highland Drive and North of 48th South. In 1870 Brigham Young called them to settle in Kanab and make settlement a there.

Bro. Rider, a likeable man, soon made friends with the Indians. During one night, the Indians drove the horses around the hill and hid them. Elder Rider, an active church member, held many offices in church and civil work. Away at the time, Mrs. Rider tended the cows, chickens and gardens. Also supplying yeast for the whole neighborhood. She did persuade her brother Francis McDonald to come to Zion.

Later the two were instrumental in bringing their father, mother and another brother David to the land of Zion. The Riders had 13 children. They came back to Salt Lake and made another home for about 15 years. Mary McDonald was dearly loved by her parents, brothers, children, grandchildren, nephews and nieces. Francis McDonald said "she was an Angel".

These excerpts taken from Mary Wood. □

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AT FIRST SOUTH AND WEST TEMPLE

Story by D.P. Bartschi

Christmas Day - December 25, 1859. The bespectacled desk clerk at the Townsend Hotel was uneasy and nervous-Lorenzo Brown had just stopped by; he was on his way to a Council Meeting and said William (Bill) Hickman was hunting for Lot Huntington. The very infliction of Brother Brown's voice when he said 'hunting' sent a cold chill up the back of the fidgety clerk-he shifted his high stool to a darkened corner of his cubical and sat very still. Both Hickman and Huntington were well known in town; well enough known to be carefully avoided where ever possible. Both men, tall, angular and somber; seemed to have somehow inherited the disposition of the slithering Diamond-Back rattlesnake they often over-rode on the trail-blasting off the flicking heads as they thundered by. The desk clerk was not anxious to see either of the gunmen, nor their rival henchmen, on this Christmas Day-futhermore, the night clerk would soon come on and he

was anticipating his family Christmas evening at home.

Forty-four year old William Adams Hickman was an adventure-seeking Kentuckian; constantly moving westward, Ohio, Missouri, and finally, Nauvoo, and the Mormons. On May 6, 1839, Mormon Prophet Joseph Smith, Jr.; recognizing strength, determination and dedication when he saw it, ordained William Adams (Bill) Hickman to the Council of Seventy, with a special commission as a personal body-guard along with Hosea Stout, Orrin Porter Rockwell and Lot Smith. Bill Hickman, along with his associate selected Seventies, would run interference for the Church Leaders for most of his remaining years.

Lot Huntington, self-confident, brash, ebullient and high-spirited at twenty-five years, swaggered along West Temple; spoiling for a fight-his high boots crunching noisily in the gravel; the long boot-straps flapping at each stride like twin dog ears. Clustered in tight marching squad, close behind, came his grim henchmen-their long great-coats folded back to clear the menacing and polished pistol grips.

The desk clerk grimaced-the night clerk was not going to get there on time.

One hour later Brother Brown emerged from his Council Meeting to discover the street in bedlam - he later describes his impressions:

December 25, 1859. Coming from the meeting I heard the report of 30-40 pistol shots fired in rapid succession in the space of 5-10 minutes. William A.

Hickman and Lot Huntington were both wounded in the thigh. The first is considered dangerous. The shot struck his watch and glanced down and lodged against the bone in 2 pieces. One of the pieces has been extracted and a piece of the thigh bone. Several splinters of bone are sticking in the flesh. Huntington's is not serious but the ball is not extracted. They are both desperate characters and are reputed horse thieves of some notoriety and have gathered each a little band about them from different settlements-so says the rumor.

("Wild Bill" Hickman and the Mormon Frontier-Hope A. Hilton)

The next day, Sunday, December 26, Apostle Amasa Lyman, in a fiery Sacrament Meeting sermon, called the straying Saints to repentance:

The spirit of thieving stalks the land-gets hold of the unguarded youth, cause them to steal from neighbors. Don't let your sons be corrupted - know where they are. Many deceive, not just Bill Hickman and his gang. Sons go into the streets of the city only to hear that stealing from the Gentiles is "OK", and are told that the President of the Church says so- All lies to lead the unwary from the truth..."

("Wild Bill" Hickman Hilton)

Following Sacrament Meeting President Brigham Young succinctly recorded his thoughts concerning his recalcitrant followers:

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December 26, 1859, about 1:00p.m. Yesterday, a disgraceful affair occurred on Main Street near the Townsend Hotel. A difficulty between Wm. A. Hickman and Lott Huntington over the division of some stolen property. Hickman and his party retired to Hickman's son-in-law, and a physician was sent for... ("Wild Bill" Hickman Hilton)

Brother Brigham, fully recognizing the responsibilities of his office, was reluctant to immediately criticize.

In a solicitous attempt to explain the 'disgraceful affair' to Brigham Young, Hickman, wracked with pain from a festering infected wound, and confined to his bed at Katharine Butcher's home (his daughter), struggled with his version of the encounter;

...Hear me and say where I am wrong. Some ten days previous to my being shot, I was at John Wakeley's taking breakfast. John was not at home, his family and Bill Woodland were there. "Cub" Johnston, Lott Huntington and about 8 others came, said I was a hard man to find, said they had some business with me, invited me out, we stood but a few steps from the door-he accused me of being roun his house to kill him, which I denied...

Then he accused John Flack, Jason Luce, and all the boys that live with (me), which I told him was false. About this time Lott came up swore it was so, and would kill me.

Upon this the crowd gathered round. Most of them hands on their pistols, and I thought I had to go up-I told them to turn themselves loose for they should never have a better chance, and if fight was what was wanted I was willing a man as they ever saw. This

put a check on things and they calmed considerable... Then they turned themselves loose in general terms, Cub and Lott, swearing and saying did not care a d—for God Almighty, General Johnson or old Brigham. Says they, Bill Hickman, if Brigham was to try to stop us in another expedition we would go up and cut his throat like a dog...

(Hickman-Hilton)

Hickman's letter continues with details of the accusations and denials exchanged - apparently feeling he had somewhat mollified the rankling anger of Huntington and his disciples; Hickman, (and some four of his boys), rode into town on the Friday before Christmas, 'I cautioned them to keep strait, which they did'.

Despite his apparent lack of formal schooling, Hickman displays an unusual capability in self-expression-his letter detailing the confrontation with Huntington, Cub Johnson and the opposing gunmen is graphic, lucid and explicit; it continues;

On Sunday, Christmas, I was in the alley at Townsend-had sent for the sleigh to go home. All hands sober. I care anything being drunk on that day... with the bitterest kind of oath, he, (Huntington), drew his pistol cocked, which I caught-I thought first I would kill him. Drew my knife with the other hand but, held up after starting a blow. All hands says to me, "Don't kill him." I stopped, someone stepped in between us. He fell back a few feet and shot me. I drew my pistol, but before I got it out of the scabbard, he shot at me again-as I brought my pistol on him, he wheeled to run. I shot. He jumped some 3 feet high, clapping his hand behind him. He than run out from the alley about 50 steps, wheeled, shot twice at J. Luce, ten at John

Flack, upon which the boys returned the compliments. Butcher says he shot at him also, but this I did not see. I shot 4 times. Followed him to George Grants-Now Brother Brigham this is true as I know how to tell it, - one thing more, the party at Wakeley's swore vengeance on Port Rockwell. Ron Clauson says "Boys don't bother yourselves about him. I intend to get him.

(Hickman-Hilton)

Evidently Hickman's plea for understanding did not go unheeded. President Young replied in early January-this official communication, however, is lost to historians. Hickman really never fully recovered from the wound-plagued by poverty, dogged by hateful, and hated enemies, unable to cope with adversity, he died, a broken recluse from his people, his church and 'his boys'. Perhaps misunderstood, and no doubt, misguided, he was buried, at age sixty-eight in a lonely spot near Lander, Wyoming.

Lot (Lott) Huntington would do little better. Strangely enough, Huntington found it expedient to join forces with 'Hickman's Boys' following the Governor Dawson affair in 1862; while fleeing from the Marshal, Port Rockwell, Lot was gunned down in Rush Valley-he was twenty-eight years old-with Hickman's 45 caliber slug still embedded in his groin. □

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ABNER BLACKBURN PIONEER REBEL

This is a story about Abner Blackburn, one of the early pioneers in Nevada. Born in Bedford, Pennsylvania, Abner joined the Mormon Church with his family in 1837, the family moving to Missouri in 1839, thence to Nauvoo, Illinois around 1840.

In 1846, the adventurous Abner responded to a call for volunteers for the Mormon Battalion, more for adventure, he said later, than for religious duty. The Battalion marched overland for Southern California and possible fighting during the war with Mexico. By the time they had reached Santa Fe in New Mexico almost 150 members of the Battalion had been detached for various reasons—mainly illness. Abner was among these, moving north to winter in Pueblo, now in the state of Colorado. In the spring of 1847 these Battalion Boys, who had wintered in Pueblo and Santa Fe, joined the Brigham Young pioneer company about the same time they entered the Salt Lake Valley in July 1847.

A few weeks later he accompanied a small group of men, including Sam Brannan and Captain James Brown, to California to collect army pay due the detached soldiers and to officially muster them out of the army. This was his first trek of several across Nevada—in August of 1847. He returned to Utah in the fall and then to Missouri to help his family in their move to the Great Salt Lake Valley. On returning to Utah in 1848 he heard of the discovery of gold at Sutter's Fort by some of his Battalion buddies and vowed to return to California and the gold diggings.

After wintering in Salt Lake he joined a pack train in the spring of 1849. Upon reaching the Sinks of the Humboldt River, the party took a new route to California, made since he had been there almost two years earlier. It

would become known as the Mormon Emigrant Trail. They crossed the Forty Mile Desert, striking the Carson River. Going up the river for two days, they stopped to "recruit" their animals. Some of the company had been to the mines before and when Abner asked them why no gold had been found east of the mountains, they said "no one had looked for it." The next day while others were playing cards, the inquisitive Abner went out with a bread pan and butcher knife to a nearby ravine to prospect. He found "gold in small quantities," and going down to slate he "found a fair prospect."

After an hour or so, he took his findings to camp showing them to his companions who promptly "grabbed up pans, knives and kettles and started out." They worked until sundown, taking out "nine or ten dollars worth of gold." Having inadequate tools and supplies they felt compelled to "abandon the place but calculated to return some time in the future." Abner maintained that the location was up Gold Canyon a few miles below what would later become Virginia City.

They went on into California and the diggings. He worked several claims and had good success at several of them but was lured to other diggings because of high water and supposedly easier diggings but with the intention to come back at a future time. He heard that his family was coming over the mountains and so sold his interest in his current claim and went to meet up with them. Then he and his brother Thomas went back to mining and did very well for themselves and worked as long as they could but the "excitement of mining" caused them to "overwork themselves" and they had to lay off to recoup.

After a rest, and having more money than they had seen in their

entire lives, the two brothers and three friends decided to see California and the mines had a rip snorting time in Sacramento and San Francisco. They soon tired of the "clatter and confusion" and started for the Spanish ranches to the south. They were treated to "fandango" (Mexican dance) with wine flowing freely. Impressed by the "Senoritas," they admired the simple lives of the people "with no lame backs or rheumatism to complain about."

They then toured some of the southern mines and moved north doing a little mining along the way. Abner states that he and his brother started back over the mountains on October 29, 1849. They headed east and encountered many emigrants as they reached Carson Valley. Abner wanted to return to California but his brother was "attracted to a girl in Salt Lake" and wanted to go there.

"With (their) pockets full of the needful" they "had a splendid time," finding that they, or "at least their gold," were "just as good as the elders of Israel." Thomas found his love and on Christmas day was wedded. After his brother Thomas' marriage, Abner headed south where he participated in some bloody battles with Indians in Utah Valley.

In the spring of 1850, Abner and his brother and sister in-law joined a company headed for California, "ready to leave the Saints for good." Joseph Demont (Dumont) not a Mormon, was their captain with Hampton S. Beatie, secretary. Beatie, also a non-Mormon, later joined the Mormon Church.

They traveled to Carson Valley "with out anny thing happing of note." "They reached the place where Abner had mined the previous spring but found that others had also found it and had "worked out the best places." "Going back to the river, they followed

it to the mountains. Hearing of thousands coming on the road, the "concluded to start a station for trade."

Demont, Thomas, Abner and four others went back to the location of present-day Genoa. There was "no better place on the river," there being pine trees, cold clear water and "oceans of good feed." They built a station "out of fine logs and a large log coral." It would become known as Mormon Station. Taking several teams, Abner headed over the mountains for supplies and provisions for the station.

Crossing the mountains, they came upon wagon teams from Sacramento loading up with snow which was selling for \$80 a ton in the city. Abner and his companions loaded up with snow and headed for the city. Disposing of the snow, they bought their supplies and returned to Carson Valley.

Upon reaching the station, Abner's partners asked him to "make up a company" to go "work gold canon," while they ran the station, giving them "two strings to the bow." With two teams and 14 men, they headed for the canyon, encountering an Indian war party, supposedly led by the famous Chief Winnemucca, on the way. However, they were able to scare the Indians off. Reaching the canyon, they prospected for a week without success, returning to the station. Abner later observed, "If we had known the rich mines higher up the canon the outcome would be different we mist the great Bonanza," known later as the Comstock Lode.

Business was good at the station and the company "put in the summer and fall to good advantage." They divided the proceeds, all satisfied. Thomas went over to California and Abner headed for Fort Hall to trade off his 25 head of horses and six mules. They had to fight renegade Indians from many tribes all along the way, losing some of their livestock.

Disposing of his remaining stock at the fort, he headed south to "winter with the Saints." While he was at least a nominal Mormon, his account is

probably typical of many "Winter Saints." These were non-Mormons who spent the winter in Deseret, some of the men dating Mormon girls. They sometimes joined the Church, then moved to California the following spring, either taking their wives with them, or leaving them behind, often with a baby on the way.

Abner says that he spent the winter with the Saints "and they wear real good while our money lasted." However, the Saints did not like "the gay uniform of the Spanish hidalgo which the California boys brought with them." He says that "The boys took delight in pestering the leaders with their California customs" that included taking a girl to a dance seated on the horse in front of the man. However, "the boys did not care and the girls did not mind it." The authorities lectured the girls saying that the "indecent proceedings must stop." No evidence is presented that shows the lectures to have been particularly effective.

In the spring of 1851, Abner joined the company of Jef Edmonds who was returning to California after a trip to Utah. Edmonds was Porter Rockwell's partner in a tavern at Deer Creek and possibly the proprietor of a station at or near Mormon Station. After having some skirmishes with Indians, they went to Mormon Station. As the snow was still too deep to cross the mountains with their wagons, they killed time by following an old Indian on a wild goose chase looking for gold north of the Truckee River. Returning to Carson Valley, they headed into the mountains finding the snow still very deep. However, they struggled through, passing Tragedy Springs.

Reaching San Francisco, and hoping to find his parents, Abner learned about the death of his father, killed by Indians on the Klamath River on his way to visit Thomas and his wife, Emily, who were running a ferry. Abner took the steamer north, landed at Trinidad, and headed inland to find his brother. Locating him, they joined

the miners in a reprisal "war on the savages," the gold diggers having not much mercy. Settling up their business, they returned to San Francisco and then went south.

Abner settled in the newly established Mormon colony of San Bernardino where he married. The marriage was performed by Elder Amasa Lyman, co-founder of San Bernardino, in 1851. Abner remained in San Bernardino when the Saints were recalled to Utah in 1857 to make a stand against Johnston's Army. Many of those who stayed were either disaffected from the Church at the time or became such. There was no known official Mormon Church organization existing there for many years, much like what transpired in Genoa at about the same time.

In 1897, Abner was invited to return to Salt Lake to help in a commemoration celebration of the 50th anniversary of the pioneers arrival in 1847. He wrote asking for financial assistance, saying, "California is not a land of gold and we are nearly all poor." He died November 2, at the age of 72.

The fate of his brother, Thomas, companion in so many of his gold mining ventures and his wife, Emily, is unknown. □

(Story compiled and written by Don Watts, referencing book entitled Mormon Gold by J. Kenneth Davies)

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Methodist Minister to Mormon Pioneer

By Jerry D. Spangler

The old horse-drawn carriage rolled slowly through the lush, green Irish countryside as Daniel Johnston, a celebrated clergyman of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, and his teenage daughter Jane set out upon their yearly preaching circuit in the villages surrounding Lisburn in Northern Ireland. Thousands of truth seekers flocked to these religious revivals to hear the fiery Irishman preach the word of God. This year, 1817, was to be the last time this noted pair traveled the circuit together, but it marked the beginning of a career of religious service for Jane Johnston that would last for seventy-three more years.

Jane Johnston was a short woman with light brown hair and icy-blue eyes that reflected her ambitious personality and made her one of the most popular and sought-after young women of the area. When Jane's father died suddenly in 1817, she was left in the care of a long-time friend, William Black; but the Methodists on her - father's -circuit would not stand for a different preacher, they demanded that Jane be their pastor, though she was only sixteen years old. The love of God burned deeply in this young woman's heart, and she gladly accepted the opportunity of being the preacher for these sincere Wesleyans. She faithfully served them for over four years until she was married to William Black, Jr., and the responsibilities of motherhood took her from the pulpit.

As the years passed, Jane and William often seriously contemplated the principles of the gospel of Jesus as recorded in the New Testament. Their search for truth had led them to help organize a new sect called the "New Methodist Connexion," but even there they were not fully satisfied. Jane was an earnest student of the Bible and often said that there seemed to be no church on the face of the land that taught the gospel of Jesus in its purity.

William, a weaver by trade, saw his home business destroyed by the industrialization that transformed the British Islands in the 1830s and 1840s. Without money to feed his growing family, they left Ireland for Manchester, England, the home of the textile industry, where they continued their search for the true church of Christ, earnestly investigating many religions. When rumors of a strange religion from America taught by two missionaries began to spread throughout the city, Jane anxiously sought out the missionaries, and they invited her to a meeting that evening in the cellar of a man named Paul Harris.

The cellar was crowded with the curious as Jane and her husband crowded into the meeting to hear these two - messengers, who were certainly no better dressed than their listeners. William Clayton and Joseph Fielding proclaimed the restoration of the gospel to a living prophet, and when the meeting had concluded, Jane and William requested baptism.

Their large house offered shelter to scores of missionaries who labored in the Manchester area, among them John Taylor and Brigham Young.

It was not long until William was called on a mission to Ireland with John Taylor, and Jane and her four teenage children were left without means of support. Like many

faithful LDS wives who have been without their husbands, Jane looked toward God to see them through; and the family did not suffer. While William was still on his mission, Jane and her sons set sail for Nauvoo.

En route, a tremendous storm struck. In the middle of the tempest when all seemed lost, Jane gathered her sons around her and they prayed mightily to the Lord for deliverance. After the prayer, her son William, Jr., arose and spoke in tongues. The interpretation, given to Jane, was that they would have a "safe landing." And they did, even though they saw another ship, struck by the same gale, break up and go down with all hands.

Jane and her sons were among the thousands of British Saints who came pouring into Nauvoo in 1840. News of her kindness and hospitality had preceded her by way of letters from the missionaries laboring in England, and she was warmly received by the Prophet Joseph.

At some point earlier she had studied obstetrics, and through the course of her ninety-year life she reportedly delivered more than three thousand babies without losing a single child or mother. She never required payment but accepted only provisions offered to support her and her family while her husband labored in the ministry.

In addition to her skills as a midwife, Jane was endowed with an abundance of bravery. Never once while she lived in Illinois did she shrink away from the mobs. During the evacuation of Nauvoo, William was in Canada; but their sons fought in the battle of Nauvoo, Jane carrying water to the defenders.

When the city was finally surrendered to the mob, Jane and her three sons pulled their loaded wagon to the icy Mississippi. In Montrose, where they joined the cold, destitute Saints camped on the banks of the river, Jane had a tent put up and women in labor were brought to it. Many years later she recorded that she had delivered several babies that night.

Another incident comes to us from the Illinois period. When the Saints were being disarmed in Montrose, one man rode up to her and demanded whether 'she had any kind of a firearm on her person. She looked at him with fire in her eye and contempt in her soul and, at the same time, she drew from her bosom a small six shooter and said, 'Do you want it?' 'Indeed I do,' was the reply. 'Captain, I am serving notice on you that I intend using it before giving it to you. Now do you think you want it?' He gave her a piercing glance and replied, 'I guess not,' and rode on."

After moving to Manti several years later, Jane was confronted by an Indian brave in war paint. The Indian asked her for something she did not have; and to manifest his contempt, he spat into her frying pan of meat. Her Irish blood boiled. She grabbed an oak stick standing by the fireplace, broke it over his head, and chased him out of the house' punching him every step with the broken end." A few days later he returned with his head bandaged and congratulated William on his "brave squaw."

On many occasions it was not bravery that saved the Black family but quick thinking. As she and her sons prepared to leave Montrose, Jane started to dig up the guns which she had hidden under the wagon when several men on horseback surrounded the wagon. They asked what she was doing under the wagon. She smiled and replied, 'You know we Mormons have the power to resurrect. I am now in the act of resurrecting.'

The leader of the mob roared with laughter saying, "She is only a crazy Irishwoman. Let us be moving."

Jane Johnston. Black was a pioneer woman with a conviction of the truthfulness of the gospel that motivated her to act even in the face of tremendous odds.

They were among those who settled southern Utah in 1861. Both Rockville and Manti were their homes, and William died in Rockville in 1873. Jane moved to Deseret, Utah, where two sons, William and Joseph, were living, and she died there at the age of ninety in 1871. □

Charles Cowley and Ann Killip

Submitted by Don R. Cowley

The first Cowley ancestors of mine to join the church and come to Utah were Charles Cowley and his wife, Ann Killip. In 1987 the Church News reported, "Elder John Taylor decided that the time had come to take the gospel to the Isle of Man, located in the Irish Sea between England and Ireland. He left for Douglas, Isle of Man, on Sept 16, 1840. Of his labors outside Douglas, Elder Taylor reported: "I went to a country place on the Island and sat down in the chimney corner, and talked to a few neighbors who came in, and baptized eight and confirmed them the same night, before I left them, nor would they wait until morning."

The Church News continues: "It is possible that the 'country place' he referred to was the farm house of Charles Cowley near the village of Kirk German, where he baptized at least two couples—Charles and Ann Cowley and John and Catherine Quayle—in October 1840. According to Charles' account he had "been seeking and praying for correct information concerning the Will of God" for many years. The following is taken from the diary of Charles Cowley. "Born in the Parish of Kirk German, Isle of Man, Eng., Dec 21, 1800. Christened according to the order of the Church of England, Jan. 20, following. Joined the Methodists, or the followers of John Wesley, at the age of 16 years. Remained a member for 20 years. I was disfellowshipped, not for any unchristianlike conduct, but because I was seeking for a correct information of the will of God that the Christian world pretended to worship. I continued seeking for knowledge of the salvation of the soul in a distressing manner for four years, but by hearing a lecture from an Apostle of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day

Saints, setting forth the great difference between the faith, blessings and ordinances and gifts of the former Day Saints and the several Christian denominations now in the world, I did rejoice in the truth of these sayings and desired to be baptized for the remission of sins, which was immediately preformed by Elder John Taylor, one of the Apostles, and he laid his hands upon my head for the reception of the Holy Ghost.

I published my house and land, with all my property for sale and prepared for to join the Saints in Nauvoo, headquarters of the Saints at that time, and left the Isle of Man for Liverpool on the 1st of Jan. 1843, at one o'clock in the night. Arrived in Liverpool Docks at 6 in the morning. Remained in Liverpool until the 7th of the month. Sailed on the ship Swanton for the New Orleans on the morning of the 17th and landed at New Orleans after a passage of 58 days. No storm on the voyage. The Saints on the ship was superintended by Laronso Snow, one of the twelve Apostles. The name of the ship was Swanton, Captain Diminport. I paid for the passage of every adult person Lbs. 3, 17, 6 British money.

Came from Orleans to St. Louis on a Steem boat. Remained at St. Louis near two weeks in consequence of the river being frozen, although as late as the 6th of April. Left the steem boat at a town called Warsaw in Illinois on the Mississippi River, and hired a wagon and two horses and went 25 miles to a small village called Macedonia, Hancock County, Ill. 20 miles from the city of Nauvoo. Remained there until the Saints removed to Council Bluffs. Remained at Council Bluffs about four years. Set off for Utah territory in 1850, June 11. Entered Utah on the 22nd day of Sept."

Charles and Ann Killip Cowley had five children born to them on the Isle of Man. They were: Charles Caesar, William Michael (my great-grandfather), Eleanor Caroline, Ann Elizabeth, and Nephi Thomas. Ann Elizabeth died as a child and was buried on the Isle of Man. The other four children came with their parents to America. At Macedonia, Hancock Co., Ill. a son John Abner was born. During theft stay at Council Bluffs two more children were added to their family. They were Maria Eleanor and Joseph Enos. After arriving in Salt Lake valley, Charles bought a city lot in the 7th Ward and built a home and planted a small orchard. Here in 1852 a son, James Alma was born to them, and in 1855, Hyrum Nicholas was born. Ann Killip Cowley died following the birth of her 11th child, Benjamin Franklin, Dec 28, 1857. The baby died Feb 10, 1858. The grave of his mother was opened, after much digging through three feet of snow and frozen ground, and the baby's casket was placed upon that of his pioneer mother. Ann and her son Benjamin were buried beside her sister Catherine Killip Quayle, in the John Quayle lot in the Salt Lake Cemetery.

Following this great loss, Charles took his motherless family and moved to Logan, Utah, in 1860. Here he met Mrs. Mary Cook Herin of Nottinghamshire, Eng. They were married on Nov. 8, 1864, in the Endowment House in Salt Lake City, Utah.

In Logan, Charles entered into the business of shoe leather tanning, and farming. He worked hard at the shoe-making business, making shoes for the Saints. Charles was noted for his great kindness and liberality.

After a lengthy illness, Charles died on Dec. 26, 1875, and was buried in the Logan Cemetery. □

IVEN R. COX

IVEN R. COX, died November 13, 1992, Fairview, Utah

FRANKLIN WAYNE ROSCELLEY

FRANKLIN WAYNE ROSCELLEY, 81, Life Member of South Davis Chapter, SUP, passed away October 7, 1992 of a massive heart attack. He was born June 12, 1911 in Rexburg, Idaho, the son of Joseph and Frances Amelia Hinckley Roskelley. Married Marilyn Nichols on January 19, 1949, later solemnized in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. She died May 17, 1984. Married Lena Belle Liggett, July 19, 1986 in the Washington D.C. LDS Temple. He served as a sealer, executive

LOUIS A. ROBERTS

LOUIS AVERY ROBERTS, 81, born September 10, 1911, LaPlatta County, Colorado, to Don Carlos and Claire Poyer Roberts; died September 8, 1992 at his home in Salt Lake City, Utah. Attended elementary school in South East Colorado and Vernal, Utah. Graduated from Uintah High School in 1931. Graduated Utah State University 1937. Attended graduate school at USC. Active in track in both High School and College. Member Sigma Chi Fraternity. Married Ethelyn Larson 1939 in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. Served during World War II in the U.S. Navy. Upon discharge he began working for the Veterans Administration, where he worked in Cheyenne, Wyoming, Grand Island, Nebraska, and Waukegan, Illinois as Chief of Special Services and also Vocational Rehabilitation. Active in the LDS Church where he served in various callings including Scout Leader, Sunday School superintendent, MIA superintendent, Bishop, High Council, High Priest group leader. He served in the Washington D.C., Chicago, and Salt Lake LDS Temple as an ordinance worker and sealer. He is survived by his wife, one daughter, two sons, 12 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; one brother and three sisters. He was preceded in death by one daughter and two brothers.

Chapter Eternal

LAWRENCE CLARK "BUD" ETHERINGTON

LAWRENCE CLARK "BUD" ETHERINGTON, 79, passed away October 28, 1992 in Sandy, Utah. Born January 23, 1913 in West Weber, Utah, the seventh of 11 children born to George William Etherington and Hannah Clark. Married Marianne Elisabeth Arlt June 27, 1938, in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. He is survived by his wife, Marianne; sons, Larry (Carol), Salt Lake City; Robert (Sherrie), San Diego, California; Rendell (Yvonne), Salt Lake City; daughters, Mrs. Paul (Carol) Van Uiter; Mrs. Fred (Anita) Brock; Mrs. David (Susan) Brown; Mrs. Wade (Marla) Howlett, all Salt Lake City; 31 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; 4 sisters.

EDWIN WILSON BARNETT

EDWIN WILSON BARNETT, 77, died October 21, 1992 in Kanab, Utah. He was born November 19, 1914 in Topeka, Kansas to Wilson A. and Ruth Woolf Barnett. He married Marquise May Jelinek on November 28, 1935 in Inglewood, California. She died January 27, 1965. Married Lillie Wallace Gibson on September 9, 1972 in Chino, California. He served in the Army and drove bus for the L.A. Transit Authority for forty years. Was very civic minded and loved to serve others. He was a member of the Lions Club, Sons of Utah Pioneers, where he served on the board of directors. Served on the Orderville Town Board, a director of the Long Valley Senior Citizens Center for six years, on the Five County Council on Aging, and as Assistant Scout Master in the Orderville Ward. He lived most of his life in Southern California, moving to Orderville in 1978. Survived by his wife, two daughters, two sons, two daughters, two step-sons, a sister, eight grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

JOSEPH FLOYD SIMMONS

JOSEPH FLOYD SIMMONS 80, died October 23, 1992 at his home in Salt Lake City. Born December 18, 1912, Heber City, Utah, to Joseph William and Edna Irene Blackley Simmons. Married his sweetheart, Rhea Robertson in the Manti Temple, November 26, 1945. He was a Veteran of the United States Army, World War II, serving in Italy and Iran and other places in the African-European Area. He was retired from the Interstate Brick Company where he worked over 30 years as their accountant. At the time of his death he was Secretary of the Grant 5th Ward High Priest Group and throughout his life has served in the LDS Church in several capacities, including many years as Ward Clerk or Finance Clerk with four different Bishops. Floyd and his wife Rhea, who survived him have donated two days a week for several years at the Family History Library. He loved his two sons, their wives and five grandchildren, all who survive him.

CHARLES ELBERT BALLARD

CHARLES ELBERT BALLARD, 83, died November 21, 1992, in Salt Lake City of natural causes. He was born November 10, 1909 in Ogden, Utah, to Charles and Ella Mae Whitear Wonder. He married Zella Rose Phillips, August 15, 1936. The marriage was later solemnized in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. She died March 13, 1985. Charles was chairman of Ballard Supply Corporation, a family owned electronic business. He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He served in the Bishopric of the Highland Ward and on the High Council of the East Ogden Stake. Ballard was the first President of Ogden Chapter of S.U.P. He was a member of the Kiwanis Club and a member of the National Electronic Distributors Association. He is survived by a sister, daughter, son, 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



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